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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, DCI Security Committee
FROM: SCI Denials Working Group
SUBJECT: Exchange of SCI Denials Information

1. Pursuant to your tasking, the SCI Denials Working Group has explored ways and means of exchanging SCI denial information among Intelligence Community members. Primary consideration was given to the creation of a central register which would alert each Community member to the fact that an individual had previously been denied access by another Community member. That idea was rejected because of possible legal objections and the lack of manpower resources.

2. The working group members have unanimously endorsed an alternate proposal which would have Intelligence Community members, upon denying SCI access to an individual, relay the substance of the denial information to any other Community members who are currently sponsoring that individual for SCI access. As the proposal addresses active clearances only, it eliminates the need for additional manpower and the creation of what some consider to be a "black list."

3. In practice, the proposal would work in the following way. When an agency denies SCI access to an individual, the agency would routinely contact CIB to determine whether the individual had been sponsored for SCI access by any other Intelligence Community member. If such is the case, the denying agency would make arrangements to relay the substance of the disqualifying information to the sponsoring agency for action or lead purposes as appropriate. The information to be relayed would include both polygraph and investigative data. However, polygraph information from CIA and NSA would be passed for lead purposes only. A number of agencies have already begun this practice and

have expanded coverage to include information on collateral clearances as well as SCI access. Each SECOM member would be requested to designate an official from his agency as the contact point for receipt and distribution of denials information. The SECOM would then furnish a list of these officials to each Intelligence Community agency.

4. Accordingly, the SCI Denials Working Group recommends that the SECOM adopt the attached statement of policy on the exchange of SCI denials information and that each SECOM member designate an official from his agency to receive such information.

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Acting Chairman
SCI Denials Working Group

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